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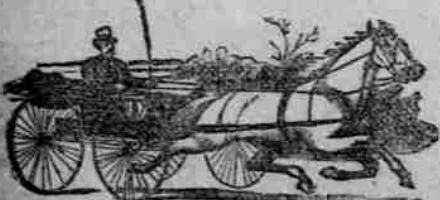
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PROMISING INDUSTRY

Our Creamery Establishes a Station at Nekoma.

An Industry That Promises to Show "the Way Out" to the Farmer—How It Can Be Made to Pay.



AN industry the importance of which the farming community do not as yet properly appreciate, is the creameries of the county. This industry is an important factor in placing ready cash in circulation at present, and in future is destined to cut a great figure in solving the problem of profitable farm life.

The Great Bend creamery, owned by W. G. Merritt and D. Hall, last week completed arrangements for increasing its output of high grade butter by establishing a skimming station at Nekoma, on the Selkirk branch west of Rush Center. Mr. Merritt was up there last week and purchased a building in Rush Center, which will be moved to Nekoma and the plant put in operation by January 15. The farmers of that section are much elated over their good fortune in securing this ready market for their milk, and it will certainly prove a paying enterprise for Messrs. Merritt and Hall. They also contemplate putting in a station at Bison, six miles east of La Crosse.

It has been demonstrated to the farmers that it pays to sell their milk instead of making butter and trading it for groceries and dry goods. It is estimated that five good cows, with good care, can be made to produce twenty-five pounds of butter fat per week, the year round, or \$3.50 per week, or \$182 per year, for butter alone. Ten cows at the same rate would bring an income of \$364, and twenty cows would bring an income of \$728 per annum—a very handsome compensation. Patrons are paid for the butter fat their milk yields, which is from 3.8 to 4.8 pounds per 100 pounds of milk.

The vicinity of Great Bend can grow feed for 3,000 cows, averaging 12,000 pounds of butter per week, which at even the low figure of 12½¢ per pound the year round would distribute \$1500 ready cash every week, or \$78,000 a year.

By all means let our farmers study this question and devote more attention to cows and less to the cereals.

Santa Fe Agent Robertson went to Kansas City on business last week.

Prof. Hennessey of the college went to McPherson on business last Friday.

It is said that Harry Van Houten, a former resident of this city, died recently in St. Louis.

We were misinformed last week in regard to C. F. Diffenbacher and wife contemplating a visit to Missouri.

It seems the proper thing now to collar the sidewalk board that trips you up and take it home for kindling.

Misses Bessie Connatt and Edith Rhodes were guests of Miss Birdie Siddorn at Hoisington last Friday.

Miss Hattie Buckland entertained a few dozen young friends at her home last Friday evening in honor of her birthday.

Miss Flora Oliverson received a telegram from Abbyville Friday announcing the serious illness of her mother, and left at once for there. Miss Julia Wesley is acting as saleslady at the New York Store during her absence.

We have heard of men getting into trouble through taking their typewriters on their lap, yet there is a man in Great Bend whom we caught in the act the other day.

S. A. Young and wife (nee Anna Crumback) were visiting George Crumback and family last week. Mr. Young is a Santa Fe relief agent and has been stationed at Geneseo. His next duty is at Alden.

This office last week printed invitations for the annual masquerade ball to be given by Woodland Lodge No. 87, Knights of Pythias, at their hall in this city, on Wednesday evening, December 25. Two hundred invitations are out, and, as in former years, this masquerade promises to be the social event of the season.

Secretary of State Edwards and another good looking gentleman were in the city Saturday in the interest of the Million club scheme, but did not meet with much encouragement, we understand. It is to be regretted that the zeal and enthusiasm displayed by certain citizens in running off on junketing trips on free transportation and whooping it up for everything in general, can not be made to display a little enterprise at home. Many men are "sum punkins" away from home, and mighty small potatoes at home—and darn few in the hill, at that.

Eggs are eggs now days.

The Arkansaw is raging.

V. S. Musil of Ellinwood is convalescing from his illness.

H. Keelch, the popular Ellinwood caterer, was in town Friday.

Bustles are coming into style again. Old papers for sale at this office.

A girl baby was born to Mrs. Alice Hill, sister of Mrs. E. W. Moses, on Thursday.

We think there should be a society organized in this city called "Waggin' Tongues."

The national G. A. R. encampment will be held at St. Paul next September 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Those pictures you now see of an old man with a scythe isn't the editor the guttersnipe. It's Father Time.

Mart Keenan wears a broad grin now for the reason that a fine girl baby was born to himself and wife on Friday.

Henry Garretson of Red Wing was a caller Friday. He tells us that his brother Fred will move to Red Wing in the spring and take charge of the postoffice.

Five human skeletons were found in the cellar of an old farm house near Larned. They are supposed to be relics of a now almost extinct race known as populists, who at one time inhabited this country in considerable numbers.

Since the revival started up many people have brushed the dust from their bibles and found a new storage place for pressed flowers and recipes for making biscuit. Religion with some people is spasmodic and comes on at this season of the year the same as the grip or chapped hands. And it passes away about the same.

On a truck at the Santa Fe depot the other day we counted sixteen express packages addressed to ladies at Ness City and Dighton, bearing the labels of Kansas City dealers. The packages contained dry goods and clothing and had been ordered by catalogue. No wonder that the merchants of these towns are bankrupt and that the lonely cayote monkeys about in the streets.

MAE ALLEN-WRIGHT

A Once Beautiful and Popular Lady Dies in Chicago.

An Open Gas Jet Tells the Tale and a Coroners Jury Says She Committed Suicide.



THE Chicago Inter-Ocean of the 11th inst. says that Mrs. Mae Allen Wright 24 years old, was found dead in her bed in the residence of her brother-in-law, T. E. Kirk, No. 1155 Jackson boulevard, Chicago, early on Tuesday morning, December 11. An open gas jet explained the cause. The dead woman was the wife of Elbe E. Wright, lately a professor at the Central Normal college in this city. It was here that he courted and wedded Mae Allen. During the past summer Wright organized a theatrical company and toured Kansas, his wife accompanying him. For business reasons the company was disbanded about five weeks ago. Wright joined another company and sent his wife to Chicago to visit her sister, Mrs. T. E. Kirk. Two weeks ago Mrs. Wright received an anonymous letter saying her husband was paying attention to one of the actresses in the company with which he was traveling.

Mrs. Wright immediately became morose and melancholy and refused to have anything further to do with her husband, and all efforts of her relatives to effect a reconciliation between herself and husband had no effect. At the inquest the jury found Mrs. Wright met death at her own seeking. Her relatives insist that the gas jet had been turned on accidentally. She was buried in Chicago.

Mae Allen Wright attended several terms of school at the college here, and was a lady of great beauty and accomplishment. She was a sister of Mrs. Briggs, wife of the ex-chaplain of the state penitentiary. Her parents reside in Oklahoma.

Great Bend now has a hot tomala man.

Sterling is to have a big broom factory.

John Jindraik left Monday for New York Monday.

Mrs. Max Shafer was up from Ellinwood Monday.

H. J. Webber of Hoisington will start a mill at Nickerson.

Prof. Brady of the High school spent Sunday in Pawnee Rock.

You must have paid your taxes by to-morrow to escape the penalty.

The men in the Nickerson shops have been cut to eight hours per day.

C. D. Hornbeck, brother of our A. W., has started The Earth, at Brookville, Kan. Lots of people want it.

C. T. Keys, who lives near Seward, had a finger crushed in a corn sheller, and came to town Friday and had it amputated.

John Tilton and Elmer Dean returned Friday from a month's overland trip to Arkansas. They are better satisfied with Kansas than ever.

In checking up our agricultural items we find that B. F. Johnson of the south side is entitled to one year's subscription for the largest watermelon—a 61 pounder. O. Wood of this township also captured a year for the largest potatoes.